President's High Growth Job Training Initiative

Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Training Program

Grant Amount: \$2,400,000

Grantee: Wyoming Department of Workforce Services

Key Partners: The Wyoming Contractors Association, the Wyoming Business Council, Casper Area Economic Development Agency, McMurry Pay It Forward Foundation

Leveraged Amount: \$2,907,000

Location of Grant Activities: Cheyenne, Wyoming

Challenge:

The oil and gas industry has a high demand for workers due to the large reserves of natural gas discovered in the Rocky Mountain Region. Industry stakeholders have conservatively estimated that the industry needs 1,500 workers in Wyoming and 5,000 in the region.

Addressing the Challenge:

The State of Wyoming, through the Wyoming Contractors Association, will establish a basic safety training program to train 1,500 new workers for Rocky Mountain oil and gas industry jobs. The seven-day program will prepare individuals to meet industry safety standards. Workers will acquire the skills they need by training on a 76 acre simulated oil and gas field. Safety training for heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, crane operators, and safety coordinators will be implemented as well.

Project Outcomes:

- Train up to 30 workers each week for 50 weeks;
- Industry partners will hire qualified graduates of the training program; and
- Overall safety of workers in the oil and gas industry will be improved.